

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling pests, which method comprises:
providing a particulate composition containing particles of an unmagnetized unmagnetised, soft magnetic material, said particles being associated with at least one pesticide or behavior behaviour modifying chemical; and
exposing a surface of a pest to said particles, wherein said particles become magnetically polarized by the electric or magnetic field associated with the pest and become attached to the pest, and wherein said particles remain unmagnetized unmagnetised until exposed to the field associated with the pest.
2. (Currently Amended) A method so claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles comprise a material selected from metallic iron, nickel, ~~or~~ cobalt, ~~or~~ and mixtures thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1~~or claim 2~~, wherein said particles are coated with a material which is a carrier for the pesticide or behavior behaviour modifying chemical,~~or coated directly with the pesticide or behavior behaviour modifying chemical~~.
4. (Currently Amended) A method so claimed in claim 3, wherein the carrier comprises a substance selected from a lipid, a resin ~~or~~ and a polymer.
5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the carrier comprises the lipid which is a fatty acid, or an ester or salt thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 any one of the preceding claims, wherein said particles have a unit weight corresponding to that of a sphere of a diameter in the range of from 0.1 to 50 micrometers micrometres.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide which~~ is an insecticide, acaricide, fungicide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.
8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide which~~ is a bacterium, fungus or virus.
9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said particles are associated with the behavior behaviour~~ modifying chemical which is a pheromone or allelochemical.
10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide that~~ is a chemical or naturally occurring insecticide or acaricide which comprises up to 10% by weight of the particulate composition.
11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6 or claim 8, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide that~~ is a bacterium, fungus or virus which comprises up to 40% by weight of the particulate composition.
12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6 or claim 9, wherein the behavior behaviour~~ modifying chemical comprises from 1 picogram to 1 microgram per particle having an average particle size of from 0.1 to 50 micrometers.
13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, wherein the pest is lured to a dispenser in which one or more surfaces is coated with the particulate composition.~~
14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the pest is lured

to the dispenser by a chemical attractant, biological attractant, food source, light, color ~~colour~~, visual pattern, infra red or acoustic source, or a combination thereof.

15. (New) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles are coated directly with the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.

16. (New) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said particles are coated directly with the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.

17. (New) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said particles are coated with a material which is a carrier for the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.

18. (New) A method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising luring the pest to a dispenser in which one or more surfaces is coated with the particulate composition.

19. (New) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide which is selected from an insecticide, an acaricide, a fungicide, an insect growth regulator and a chemosterilant.

20. (New) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said particles are associated with the behavior modifying chemical which is selected from a pheromone and an allelochemical.